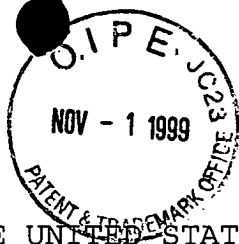


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98,  
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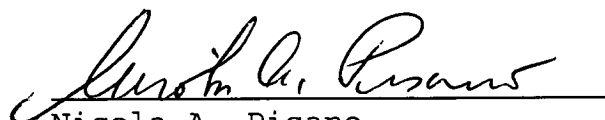
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A copy of the aforementioned documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate herewith), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

An early and favorable action is respectfully  
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